



VILLA REAL EASTER NEWSLETTER - 2023

S2A

This term S2A has been looking closely at growing in science and carrying the theme on in our non-fiction text for our class literacy – ‘Seed to Sunflower’. They have been learning about the role of a gardener and carrying out some work experience style sessions at an allotment. Pupils have carried out planting, digging over ground ready for spring and looking after plants. They will be carrying on allotment visits next term to allow them to observe the plants growing and how they need to be looked after. All have enjoyed this hands on experience!



S3A

Spring Term, you have been brilliant! S3A have gone above and beyond this term. We have had a big push on Careers, looking at different jobs within our community and potential careers options. We can't wait to explore more careers and job opportunities in the summer term. Have a lovely Easter everyone.



S2CE

S2CE thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, one pupil came dressed as Mary Poppins and another came in her PJ's with a story for bedtime! S2CE won book vouchers the best decorated door competition, we had a lovely trip to Tesco to spend them.



We went outside looking for signs of spring only to find a snowstorm! Never mind, for some of us who braved the weather, we had fun sledging the next day.

We sold scones as part of our enterprise challenge. We made some in class before a selling them to staff, they went down a treat!



S1CE

In March we are celebrating and spreading the word about Conductive Education. S1CE would like to showcase some of the hard work and the progress we make in class every week.



HEADTEACHER COMMENTS

Happy Easter everyone!

Thank you again for your ongoing support, especially when we've had these tricky weather days. As we look forward to next term we are happy to receive our new bus and get out and about more!

We will also be celebrating King Charles III Coronation in May.

With kind regards,

Jill Bowe

GOVERNOR NEWS

After a busy term welcoming new governors and working through our committees with them, we would like to thank Cllr Kathryn Rooney, Mrs Caroline Spence and Rev Jamie Daniels for committing to work as governors for Villa Real school.

We would all like to wish a Happy Easter to all our wonderful pupils, staff, parents and carers. We hope you enjoy your holidays, and your Easter celebrations.

Suzanne Bailey

OTHER NEWS

We were pleased to welcome Stacey Locky from Stacey's Barbers into school this term. Stacey is a fully qualified barber and hairdresser with over 16 years' experience, level 1 in sign language and qualifications in understanding autism and people with additional needs as well as lots of experience with families across the spectrum. If you are interested in making an appointment with Stacey please check out her Facebook page.



<https://www.facebook.com/staceysbarbers>

The Coronation of King Charles III will be held on Saturday, 6th May 2023. This has now been designated a Bank Holiday weekend which means that Villa Real School will be closed on Monday 8th May and will reopen on Tuesday 9th May. We will be holding special assemblies on Friday 5th May with 10am for Primary and 11am for Secondary.

Early Years and KS1 would like to give a huge thank you to Homebase in Team Valley, as they have donated £50. With this money we have bought lots of sand. Lots of fun to come, thank you Homebase!



EYFSA

We have been very busy in EYFSA, working very hard and having so much fun. We have been learning about vehicles; with our sensory story, 'The Journey Home From Grandpa's', we have learnt and looked at different vehicles and colours. We have even had the chance to explore some real vehicles including tractors and bikes. We had messy vehicles and we had a cleaning station like a car wash. It was so much fun! We have also had great fun playing outside in the snow and looking at how the weather is changing. We have listened to disco music and have been playing some instruments; at the moment, our favourites are the Djembes. We have had some special dates, including World Book Day, where we looked at different books in so many places around the school and we had costumes on, or Holi, where we looked at the different colours.



P1A

P1A have had an adventurous half term. We have braved the elements and explored our local environments in search of different birds as part of our Science learning, whilst building independence and stamina when walking.

Pupils loved World Book day, that spread across the whole week – as you can see, the boys were engrossed in the range of books at the book café.



P2A

We have had a very exciting and busy term in P2A. Our class text this half term is 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. In class we have had lots of fun exploring all of the different animal props in our story and learning about all of the different animals that can be found on a farm. We have also been lucky enough to have a visit to Tweddle Farm to see and hear some real life animals. All of the pupils were extremely well behaved and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We heard and saw lots of different animals like pigs, cows and we even saw some kangaroos! We also got to go on a very fun and bumpy tractor ride around the whole farm. We also got to hold and stroke some very cute rabbits and also had time to play in the park and bounce on a very fun outdoor bouncy castle! Well done P2A, keep up the hard work!



P2CE



P2CE have had great fun learning, playing and exploring through our current topic vehicles. We have been building ramps, exploring tyres, looking and investigating a range of different vehicles. We had a very special visit to our school from three farmers with their vintage tractors. We have also been learning about plants and the different parts of plants. We have planted seeds and we are growing beans and caring for our plants. We have been on nature walks looking at wild flowers and we are busy making grass caterpillars for our outdoor area.



S2

S2 had a memorable educational visit to ALDI in Consett to shop for ingredients to make a healthy meal in Design Technology and develop independent life skills. Our students had a fantastic time and really enjoyed gaining experience working on the tills and learning about career opportunities with the help from the store manager George. We appreciated the fruit given to us and we have made a fruit salad as a healthy dessert which the students said was delicious. Students have written messages to express what they enjoyed about their visit. We also made spaghetti Bolognese in Design Technology as our healthy main meal.



P2

Primary 2 have had a very messy term. We have been using sensory materials to explore length, patterns, texture, our senses and making pairs.

In science we have been learning about plants and animals in our local area. We were very lucky to have Ferdinand frog visit us in our garden. The children loved seeing him up close.

We are all book worms in P2. The children have enjoyed visiting the school library and choosing a book to read with their friends. The children voted and their favourite book this term was "Amazing". We are all amazing!



P3

For World Book day we enjoyed decorating our classroom door with characters from Spring 2's story – 'Jack and the Flum Flum Tree'. We have been continuing to build sentences and write short stories inspired by our set texts.

In Numeracy we have been working on addition and subtraction; developing counting skills, number recognition and addition and subtraction.

In Art we have been exploring and modelling with clay making representations of animals, along with Diwali lamps and Viking shields linking to other subjects. In RE we have been learning lots about Hinduism; Gods, Holy books and celebrations like Diwali. In ICT some have been using ICT devices such as Beebots to follow instructions and simple programming and others have been learning to search effectively on the internet.

We enjoyed our Table Top Cricket sessions in Spring 1 and now we are swimming, which we all enjoy, gaining confidence and for some beginning to swim independently.



S1A

This term in Literacy S1A have been reading the story 'The Jungle Book'. Pupils have identified the characters from the story and answered questions relating to the story.

For Numeracy pupils have been working on coin recognition, adding and taking away coins and identifying the value of coins. Pupils took part in a block of Outdoor Education lessons including orienteering and climbing.



In RE pupils explored Hinduism and made diva lamps out of salt dough. We had a slippery visitor! A frog. We also restarted swimming lessons.



S1A have had a fabulous spring term, making lots of progress with learning and being active in and around the local community. We would like to wish you all a happy Easter.

S3

Key Stage 3 have been studying healthy eating this half term and particularly enjoyed the practical side of this study. Our children got to grips with vocabulary including "Recommended Daily Allowance" and "The Traffic Light System" on foods. Here you can see a pupil making a healthy pizza and using his maths skills to get the ratios right. Well done S3 Key Stage 3.



In Science, Key Stage 4 have been learning about states of matter. Children have studied the arrangement of particles in liquids, gasses and solids. While studying the theory in the classroom they were able to test their theories in a more practical setting; mixing sugar and bicarbonate of soda, applying heat and observing the liquid turn to a solid. Not just did it test their practical skills but the cinder toffee tasted good too!

